

Ordinance Enables City To Provide Faster, Cost Effective Fire-Rescue

A public hearing scheduled for July 20 at City Hall will pave the way for a more responsive and cost effective City-operated Fire-Rescue program.

On June 15, the City Commission will conduct the second reading of an ordinance allowing Fire-Rescue Administration to place a non ad valorem special assessment for its own Fire-Rescue Service. A first reading was conducted on June 2.

The Fire-Rescue Department is recommending a special assessment of \$36 per residential household as a preliminary rate for increased levels of service. Broward County's projected rate

of \$37 was based on current levels of service delivery.

Set to begin October 1, 1999, City operated Fire-Rescue services would provide Fort Lauderdale residents with several advantages:

- * 10 rescue units dedicated solely to Fort Lauderdale calls. That's a 25 percent increase over the eight units currently run by Broward County and the City providing services within the City limits as well as to unincorporated areas.

- * Provide increased fire-rescue communication services from the Police Department's dispatch center.

- * Additional firefighter/paramedics trained in advanced life-saving skills, expected to be added to the force by August 1, 1999.

On July 20, citizens are invited to attend a public hearing to adopt a final assessment resolution at City Hall. Notices will be mailed to all property owners reminding them of the date.

Fire-Rescue Administration will meet with homeowners associations, civic groups and professional organizations to answer any questions regarding the special assessment and the Fire-Rescue Program. To make arrangements for a group presentation please call **759-6800**.

Focus On Fort Lauderdale



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Let the Countdown Begin ...



City Unveils Plans For Millennium Bash

Get ready Fort Lauderdale, the plans for the bash of the century are unfolding.

On New Year's Eve, Downtown Fort Lauderdale will be transformed into a family-oriented mega party zone complete with five areas of live entertainment featuring bands, food, millennium souvenirs and spectacular fireworks and light shows. Five entertainment zones will start from the Broward Center For The Performing Arts, travel east through the historic district on S.E. 2nd Street, and along Las Olas Boulevard.

The Munchkin Ball, a special millennium celebration just for the younger generation, is also in the works at Esplanade Park complete with a 9:30 p.m. fireworks show. Plans are also underway to include activities at the beach.

"This will be a true community event that will catch the eyes of everyone around the world on New Year's Eve," said **Mayor Jim Naugle**.

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GIS
City's
implementation
of multifaceted
application
ranked
as one of the best
in the state.



A Citywide computer program, commonly referred to as GIS, has earned the City accolades from the state for its functional implementation into the day to day workings of city operations and services.

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Geographic Information System, GIS, has been selected as the first year winner of the Florida City and County Management Associations Communications and Technology Award. The City's implementation of GIS was ranked #1 among municipalities with a population of 50,000 or more.

What is GIS? GIS is a computer application that utilizes tabular data and geographic information, such as maps, to perform a variety of services. At the present time, City employees use GIS in engineering, police, fire-rescue, planning, zoning, marine facilities, parks and recreation, public information and other departments. By utilizing a base map of the City containing such information as right-of-way boundaries, property lines and parcel information, other layers of information can be built.

"GIS is a powerful tool implemented in the City with the citizens in mind," said **Pedro Flores**, GIS Coordinator for the City of Fort Lauderdale. "Its applications have the potential to greatly improve how primary functions are carried out and ultimately enhance customer service."

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A Message From Mayor Jim Naugle



Fort Lauderdale: The Place To Be To Welcome Y2K

We are halfway through the year and already the plans unveiled for the City of Fort Lauderdale Millennium Celebration are just as the slogan promises - "Too Grand Too Imagine."

Fort Lauderdale has a reputation for having an unsurpassed quality of life. On New Year's Eve, this will be the place for a family outing you won't want to miss.

Picture this:

- * Plenty to do along along Las Olas Boulevard and the historic and entertainment districts throughout the month leading to December 31, 1999.

- * Activities for youth of all ages.

- * Activities for adults.

- * A free New Year's Eve you will never forget.

As a true community and family-oriented event, I encourage public and private organizations of all types to get involved.

Thanks to the funding and creative support of Sci-Fi Megaplex and Integrated Marketing Strategies, we have taken the first steps to formulating a community event. However, much help is still needed.

Fort Lauderdale is a unique City - beautiful neighborhoods, active residents, plenty of recreational and cultural opportunities and an ever - growing business community that plays an active role in enhancing the quality of life. It is the key to maintaining our reputation as one of the best places to live and work.

I encourage all organizations to become a part of this once in a lifetime event.

New Fee Promotes Curbside Appeal

To combat the unsightly appearance of trash carts and recycling bins left on the street following collection, the City Commission recently approved an ordinance that allows the City to charge a roll-back placement service fee.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, Section 24-27b states that all containers, carts and bins must be returned to a secure location following collection.

Currently, yellow warning stickers are being affixed to carts and bins that remain on the curb more than 24 hours after collection, in an effort to educate our customers about the regulations. In the near future, any containers left curbside may be subject to a placement service fee of \$5 per container for each violation. The fee will appear on your municipal services bill.

Please call 771-0880 for more information.

Recycle Corps Offers Cash Incentives To Recycling Groups

There's no better time than the present to be a Recycle Corps member.

Homeowner and civic organizations who submit yearround recycling projects for the Seventh Annual Recycling Incentive Awards by September 30 are eligible to receive hundreds of dollars in incentive money for neighborhood beautification projects.

Last year, a total of \$8,395 in cash awards were presented on behalf of the City Commission. Winning groups produced banners, conducted phone book and newspaper recycling drives, organized informational booths during City events, held public functions to promote recycling and published recycling articles in civic newsletters.

Recycling not only saves the environment, it saves the City dollars as compared to the cost of using incinerators. The

amount of incentive money awarded each year to Recycle Corps members represents a percentage of the savings the City obtains from recycling newspapers. The amount awarded to each group is based on the amount of waste recycled when the neighborhood hosts projects and activities to promote recycling.

Since 1991, the Recycle Corps, a group of volunteers from several civic associations and

**7th Annual
Recycling
Incentive Awards
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Applications due
by
September
30,
1999**

neighborhoods, have carried out a mission encouraging residents in the city to recycle. Currently, there are 19 neighborhoods and civic associations actively involved in the Recycle Corps from the southern edge of Edgewood to the northern community of Imperial Point.

Join the Recycle Corps by calling **Chuck Nicholson**, City of Fort Lauderdale Solid Waste Manager at 761-5577.

**IT PAYS
TO
RECYCLE**



Future Of Wingate Landfill Unfolds During Two-Day American Assembly

Armed with information on the extensive reuse of landfills provided by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) representatives, environmental engineers and guided by facilitators, Wingate Community Advisory Council (CAC) members and community representatives have decided that a park/recreational facility would be an ideal future use for the Wingate Road landfill.

The decision was made during a two-day American Assembly, held recently at Dillard High School, where participants were given the opportunity to analyze potential development opportunities at the closed landfill and help the local CAC fine-tune redevelopment preferences for the 60-acre site at 1300 NW 31st Ave.

"When we look at this site in 10 years, what will we see," asked **Robert Smith**, CAC co-

chair, to Assembly participants. "Think and be creative. The window of opportunity is here."

"We're not limited at all," added CAC co-chair **Kassandra Barnes**. "We can have multiple uses -- it's up to what the people want."

EPA representatives told conference participants about Superfund sites that have been turned into community assets elsewhere in the country, including a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course in Anaconda, Montana, and a Home Depot in Denver, Colorado.

Assembly participants then broke into work groups to analyze and rate potential developments. Among the new ideas that came out of the sessions was a senior citizen center with a community garden and a fitness trail. Other ideas included a recreational theme park, shopping

plaza, crime research institute and golf course with a clubhouse, tennis courts, boutiques and restaurants. All redevelopment options under consideration must conform to site specifications. When the working groups finished their deliberations, their choices tracked the results of a community-wide survey conducted last fall in ranking recreational development first, followed by commercial and industrial uses, once the EPA remedy is in place.

The CAC and American Assembly participants are finalizing their report on reuse choices. They will summarize those results in a presentation to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission. The City Commission will then make the ultimate decision about future developments for the site in late spring or early summer.

Realignment of Resources Affords Quality Service

Recently, I outlined the framework of an action plan with four elements aimed at efficiently and effectively providing quality services.

The key components of this initiative include: taking a responsive approach to meeting residents' concerns and needs; ascertaining the facts and reviewing all the issues involved in terms of development, operations and procedures; maintaining consistency in all of our operations and procedures; as well as increasing educational opportunities and public information efforts for residents in matters of community inspections, proper maintenance to meet the housing code, neighborhood ordinances and public safety issues.

With the approval of the City Commission, the action plan was set in motion and includes reassigning resources within the City's Departments. After our re-examination of the current structure and functions of our organization,

certain areas were realigned to redirect resources and staff toward the achievement of the priorities of our citizens and the City Commission. Some of these include:

- * The appointment of Gregory Kisela, Director of Public Services, to Assistant City Manager in charge of Operations. Mr. Kisela will continue to act as Director of Public Services.

- * The transfer of the One-Stop Shop from the Fire, Rescue and Building Department to the Public Services Department under the title of "Construction Services." Planning, zoning, plans review, permitting and building inspections services will function from this area as well. The areas of Code Enforcement and Occupational Licensing will be a part of the Community and Economic Development Department.

The functions of citizen services, agenda coordination, intergovernmental relations, legislative coordination and strategic planning will

A Message From City Manager Floyd T. Johnson



be led by the City Manager's staff.

We are committed to meeting the priorities of the City Commission and the citizens of Fort Lauderdale. These structural changes and enhancements will help us meet those priorities in a more responsive and consistent way.

History In The Making

Holiday Park landmark restoration kicks-off construction of Phase II.
Other Parks Bond enhancements and improvements continue throughout the City.



Making History At Holiday Park -

In late May, one of Holiday Park's most visible landmarks headed to Homestead Air Reserve Base for the start of a what will be a delicate restoration project.

The one-man F-86H Sabre Jet that has marked the Sunrise Boulevard entrance of Holiday Park for more than two decades, was removed with a crane and carefully dismantled by City of Fort Lauderdale personnel under the guidance of Homestead Air Reserve Base.

A crowd that included several members of the Air Force Association Gold Coast Chapter 351, the organization funding the materials for the restoration of the aircraft, the contractor who built the pedestal on which the jet stands, and the former executive airport manager who received the jet back in 1970 were present to witness the historic moment.

"This is a wonderful community-driven opportunity bringing resources together to facilitate the completion of this project which represents a great deal to the community," said Ran Meriam, president of the chapter.

Kauff's Trucking donated the transportation services to guarantee the jet's safe arrival to Homestead. Once completed, the aircraft will mark the entrance on Nininger Drive.

Robert Rawls recalls the day the jet landed on the runway of Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.

"It was June 26, 1970 when U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel Joseph Radoci flew over Executive Airport twice before touching down. He was coming from Martin Airport in Baltimore," said Rawls, who served as airport manager at the time. Then City Manager Robert Bubier was instrumental in striking an agreement for the City to get the jet here in the first place."

The jet was stripped of its cannon and engine and finally installed on a pedestal in mid October of 1973. The engine was donated to Broward Community College.

The removal of this landmark in May kicks-off

the start of Holiday Park Phase II. Phase II plans consist of the reconfiguration of the Sunrise Boulevard entrance to make room for a baseball complex that will include three little league fields, a senior league field, a big league field and a new press box/concession stand. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.

A New Era Begins At Bass -

The purchase of a piece of property adjacent to Bass Park represents more than just the continuation of a parks bond project to residents.

It symbolizes the progress of an improved quality of life for the children, youth and adults in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Upon removal of underground fuel tanks, Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor **Carlton B. Moore** led the demolition of the gas station/convenience store located at 2770 N.W. 19th Street recently. The dilapidated building, recently purchased by the City of Fort Lauderdale under the 1996 Parks Bond Program, was demolished to expand acreage in Bass Park. Ultimately, the land will be used for parking or greenspace. Meanwhile, the area has been cleared and fenced.

"This represents the next step in our mission to create a quality and complete recreational facility for our youth," said **Leola McCoy**, president of Bass-Dillard NIP, Inc.

Kidsplay At Greenfield Park -

Greenfield Park has doubled in size since the acquisition of the lot adjacent to the park. The playground equipment for the tot lot is on order and will be placed on the field once telephone and



Going... going... gone! Estimated to weigh 5000 lbs, the F-86H Sabre fighter overlooking Sunrise Boulevard, shown above, is on its way to an ace recovery. As part of Holiday Park Phase II, the restored aircraft will mark the entrance on Nininger Drive. It is hoped that the restoration can be completed and remounted by November 11, 1999, Veterans Day. Photo by Alison Hibbert

Shown below, Vice Mayor Carlton B. Moore took the first steps in clearing the former gas station/convenience store at 2770 N.W. 19th St. to make way for Bass Park expansions. Photo by Lori Dimeolo



cable lines are relocated. Grading and filling of the lot, sodding, landscaping and irrigation work have been completed.

The enhancements to Greenfield Park have been made possible thanks to the architectural and engineering talents donated by Sunrise Intracoastal residents Vernon Pierce and Steve Williams.

D.C. Alexander Park Workshop Set -

Conceptual plans for D.C. Alexander Park will be presented by Robert Walters Architects during a workshop set for June 24 at 7 p.m. at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Celebrity room, 501 Seabreeze Blvd. Interested residents are invited to attend.

Top Teen Activities For The Summer

The offerings are endless and so are the benefits for teens this summer.

From arts to athletics, camps to concerts, your Parks and Recreation Department has a complete schedule of summer offerings.

Let the us help you and your teens find the right activities for the summer. Because space in most camps is limited, representatives suggest that families register now.

Here is just a sampling:

Just For Teens!

The City of Fort Lauderdale Teen Initiative has plenty of programs and they're free.

Sunrise Middle School, Fort Lauderdale High School, Dillard High School and Stranahan High School are currently offering a variety of activities during the weekdays from noon to 5 p.m. Featured activities include martial arts classes, football and basketball leagues, weightlifting, computer classes, rap and poetry programs, self improvement and wellness classes, arts and crafts, job training and more are open to all.

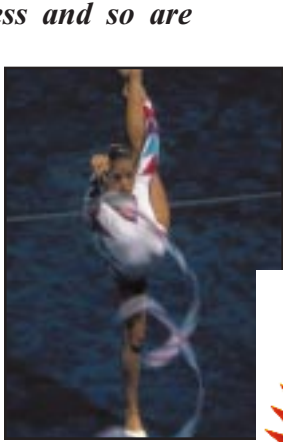
The Teen Heroes program offers life skills training, field trips and more weekdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at these locations as well. Other locations are being added.

Looking for something cool to do on Friday nights. The Teen Splash Dances on Friday nights will take place at a different pool each week.

For a complete guide of dates, or more information regarding any of these programs, please call 468-1627.

David Deal Playday

This fun-filled community event highlights athletic competitions, bubble gum blowing contests, live entertainment, an All Star basketball game and more. Head for Joseph C. Carter Park on Wednesday, **August 4** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 761-5408.



**Celebrate
Parks & Recreation Month**
Come and enjoy a free class on us
during the month of July
or just visit our parks
for terrific programs.

**For a complete guide call
761-5346, ask for the summer
edition of "More Out Of Life"**

Serve It Up !

The **George English Tennis Center Camp**, open to 5 to 13 year olds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be held June 21- Aug. 20 at 1101 Bayview Drive. Prices run \$55 - \$110 per week with a per day registration option available. Call 356-3621.

The **Jimmy Evert Tennis Center Camp**, ages 6 to 16, will be held June 21 - July 30 at Holiday Park, 700 NE 12th Ave. With the \$53 membership fee for residents, and \$85 for non residents, take on drills, learn proper footwork, stroke techniques and more. For more information, call 761-5378.

Join the Gym

Fort Lauderdale Stars Gymnastics Camp is a specialized program for males and females up to age 16. Featuring beginning, development and team level gymnastics training, gymnasts can participate in games, obstacle courses and contests oriented for the sport.

The 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. camp features a staff selected on their ability to teach your youth correct fundamentals and techniques in a safe and fun-filled environment. Camp dates are June 21 - Aug. 20 at the Holiday Park Activity Center, 730 N. Federal Highway. Prices run \$65-\$110 per week, with a \$20 registration fee. Call 761-5682, for more information.

Keep Cool at the Pool!

Want a great escape from the summer heat? Then take advantage of the Learn To Swim and Recreation Swimming programs available throughout the summer. Classes and programs are available at:

Bass Park Pool	739-8498
Croissant Park	761-5404
Fort Lauderdale H. S.	761-5401
Lauderdale Manors	761-5402
Sunland Pool at Carter Park	761-5407
Sunrise Middle School Pool	761-5394
ISHOFame Aquatic Complex	468-1580

Become A Junior Lifeguard

The Guard Start Junior Lifeguard Program is designed for students in grades 6th to 9th to build a foundation for future lifeguards. Class sessions are held in the water, on the deck and in a classroom with materials provided. Registration prerequisites apply. Resident fees: \$30, non-residents: \$40. For more information, call 761-5394.

Lifeguard Training

This 33-hour course provides 15-year olds and older the necessary skills and knowledge to become a certified lifeguard. Fee: \$100. For more information, call 761-5394.

Millennium Celebration Offers Sponsorship Opportunities

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At a recent kick-off celebration, held at Las Olas Riverfront, the official logo featuring the slogan "Too Grand Too Imagine" was unveiled.

"Thanks to the partnerships the City has made with area businesses and organizations like Sci-Fi Megaplex and Integrated Marketing Strategies Inc., and their generous

support to the event, we have a logo and slogan that is creating quite a stir," said **Tom Tapp**, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The first check in the amount of \$50,000, on behalf of Sci-Fi MegaPlex, was also presented to help fund the extravaganza.

"The purpose of this celebration is to provide the public with a free event," said Mayor Naugle. "I invite all businesses, groups and individuals to become a part of this once in a lifetime celebration by taking advantage of the variety of sponsorship and promotional opportunities available," **Mayor Naugle** said.

For a listing of these opportunities contact: **Debbie Boland**, City Festivals Coordinator, at 489-3255 or **Raymond J. Talarico**, Co-founder of Sci-Fi MegaPlex, at 769-9100.

Technology Uses Geography To Map Out Better Services

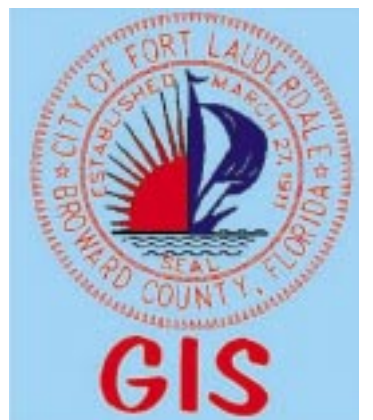
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The City has an educational partnership with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) that allows for GIS training of City staff and some map maintenance. The GIS enables the City to serve citizens more efficiently in a number of areas. Some of these include:

* Through the City's web site, users can view a digital map of the City that allows them to type in their address, view an aerial photo, and access information regarding zoning, waste and recycling pick-up services, local schools, neighborhood associations and Commissioners District. Other layers are currently in the works to provide local parks information.

* Parks Bond Program has used GIS to plan and justify the construction of new parks and park infrastructure.

* The Zoning Counter is using a GIS application to determine a customer's Flood Zone, Zoning Category, Land Use and other information.



The Right Properties

Some of Fort Lauderdale's most picturesque properties took center stage at the 21st Annual Community Appearance Awards.

Homeowners, neighborhood associations, architects, developers and builders who submitted their beautification efforts were present for an evening of glamour and style at the *Amaturo Theatre of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts*.

Out of more than 80 nominations who were recognized for a variety of projects ranging from new construction to renovations, rehabilitation to restoration, 18 properties were served with outstanding awards. And the winners are:

Victoria Park Civic Association 15th Ave. Entranceway: Reinforcing the identity of this neighborhood is a new entranceway, which is located at one of five locations throughout Victoria Park.

Imperial Point Park: This community facility, which satisfies the need of the surrounding community by providing functional outside gathering space for all ages, is a successful integration of amenities, landscaping and security.

Collee Hammock Park: Facilitated through the Parks Bond, the park was restored for the frequent patrons who utilize it as a quite getaway with picnic facilities.

San Juan/Carbonell Building - 1451-57 N.E. 4th Ave.: This low rise office building was recognized for successfully integrating the new construction needs of a commercial establishment without the disturbing the aesthetics of the adjacent neighborhood.

Twenty-First Century Engineering- 826 N.E. 20th Ave.: This waterfront renovation is one of the first business properties encouraging redevelopment along the 20th Avenue corridor and



Victoria Park 15th Avenue Entranceway



Imperial Point Park

Gateway Plaza.

Plaza at Las Olas- 301 E. Las Olas Blvd.: The key to this restoration project, shown at left, demonstrates how to successfully link the central business and entertainment districts with a mixed use agenda along with the application of open space.

Tommy Bahama - 1002 E. Las Olas Blvd.: The interior, front and rear facades of this single retail 40-year old site was restored to preserve the existing character of Las Olas Boulevard.

Hub Plaza - 1300 N. Federal Hwy.: This is a complete reconstruction of once-dilapidated shopping center that has offered new life to the area. **Storage Authority - 747 NE 3rd Ave.:** This facility is located in an area designated for growth. The project's aesthetics sets new aesthetic guidelines to its surroundings.

Historic Brickell Station at Las Olas Riverfront - 201-211 SW 1st Ave.: This project transformed an unused site into a thriving facility providing entertainment, restaurants and retail shops along the riverfront.

1515 Deco: This multifamily low rise was a new construction project that added light and ventilation to surrounding area as well as keep in character with other dwellings.

Casa Di Amor: The landscaping of this Tarpon River home introduces drivers and pedestrians to the scale and character of the surrounding community.

Miller Residence: The appeal of this single family new construction project lies within its innovative approach in the use of material, scale, orientation and proportion. The innovative inte-



1999 Home Of The Year



Twenty-First Century Engineering



Storage Authority

gration of its architecture played a strong role in its vote as **1999 House of the Year**.

Elliott Residence: The lush landscape and exterior improvements to

this home has maintained the character of a small bungalow in the midst of Victoria Park.

Faber Residence: This home demonstrates control in design while integrating the natural environment with surrounding structures.

Knapp Residence: This complete restoration of 1938 home helps set the tone for Victoria Park.

Clayton Residence: Designed as a tropical paradise, the owner shares this site with the community as a tropical street-front garden.

Egan Residence: This rich landscape and architectural aesthetics of this home are sensitive to the built and natural surroundings.



1515 Deco

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is conducting a Citrus Canker Eradication Program to eliminate a contagious bacterial disease that can eliminate the fruit tree population if left undetected.

Spread through a bacterial disease, Citrus canker causes trees to weaken, lose leaves and drop fruit prematurely. There is no cure for the disease. The only known form of eradication is

State Conducts Citrus Saving Efforts

cutting down and disposing of infected trees. Inspectors are currently surveying neighborhoods in search of infected trees.

Residents should be aware of the following:

- Inspections are done within a few minutes
- State inspectors will be wearing a white polo shirt with a blue Department logo that reads Florida Department of Agriculture.

- State inspectors should have Department issued identification cards

- Citrus canker is not harmful to humans or animals

- Disease symptoms on leaves and fruit are brown, raised lesions surrounded by an oily, water soaked margin and a yellow ring or halo.

For more information, call 1-800-850-3781.

Citizens Honored For Exemplary Work

The contributions of five outstanding citizens were honored at the Citizen Recognition Awards.

Since 1975, the Citizen's Board of Recognition, an advisory board comprised of former Fort Lauderdale mayors, has recognized the outstanding contributions made by local citizens who have played a role in the growth, development and advancement of the City. This year's individuals were recognized for the following:

Citizen of the Year: Terry Stiles, Chairman and CEO of Stiles Corporation, developed a full-service real estate development company that since 1971 has been a major force in shaping South Florida. He is actively involved in the local community through his support to various charities including the Boys and Girls Clubs, Kids in Distress and the Cardiac Wellness Center of Broward General Medical Center.

Distinguished Citizen: Kaye Pearson, who launched Yachting Promotions in 1976, developed the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show into one of the most prestigious and successful marine events in the world. Each year, this event contributes millions of dollars in economic impact to the City. Pearson not only serves a major role in the marine community, but he is active in various community organizations.

Honored Founder: Porter Reynolds was recognized for his contributions to the future of the City during his career in public service. He served as mayor from 1955 to 1957 and as Superintendent of Parks for 13 years. In his efforts to preserve open space in the City, he was instrumental in the design of Holiday Park, Joseph C. Carter Park and Lauderdale Memorial Park.

Exemplary City Employee: James O. Hill has

served the City of Fort Lauderdale for more than nearly 30 years as Assistant City Manager, Community Relations Director, and in his current position as Business Retention and Expansion Manager. His contributions to the City include coordinating numerous community outreach programs, generating hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings to the City and serving as a liaison in various diplomatic endeavors.

Special Award For Distinguished Service: Ron Cochran, who served the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department for 29 years and was Chief of Police from 1982 - 1987, was honored with this award. In 1992, he was elected Sheriff of Broward County. He held leadership positions in several organizations including Youth Leadership Broward, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Kids in Distress.

Add Some Splash To Your July 4th

Celebrate Independence Day at Fort Lauderdale Beach. On Sunday, July 4th, enjoy the sounds of the 18-piece Melton Mustafa Orchestra on the beach across from the Oasis Cafe, 600 Seabreeze Blvd., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Then check out the fantastic fireworks planned for 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the Special Events Hotline at 761-5813.

Summer Sizzles At ISHOF Complex

The International Swimming Hall Of Fame Aquatics Complex has scheduled the following:

June 25-27: Florida Gold Coast "A" Age Group Invitational

July 15-18: USA Swimming Region IV Championships

July 31: South Florida Recreational Swim League Championships

August 1: South Florida Recreational Swim League Championships

August 7: Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Dept. Community Pools Championship

The complex is located at 501 Seabreeze Blvd. For information on recreational pool hours or other activities, call 468-1580.



Get Some Fusion

Take the family for a day of soccer at any one of these upcoming Fusion soccer games at Lockhart Stadium. Group rates and season tickets are available. For additional information, contact the stadium box office at 776-1921, call TicketMaster at 523-3309 or the Miami Fusion Ticket Hotline at 1-888-Fusion4.

June 26	San Jose	7:30 pm
July 10	Columbus	7:30 pm
July 29	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
Aug. 7	Metro Stars	7:30 pm

Free Workshops For Residents

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Community Policing Center is offering a variety of free workshops at the Demonstration Center, 1113 E. Sunrise Blvd. The following are some highlights:

CPR Training, Sat., June 19, 9 a.m. to 1p.m. Topics covered include one-man CPR, obstructed airways, cardiovascular disease, respiratory arrest and more. To register or for more information, please call 759-6428.

Violence in the Workplace, Wed., June 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This seminar will discuss topics such as domestic violence in the workplace, stalking behavior, workplace violence policies, recognizing the warning signs, reporting workplace violence, and more.

Landlord/Tenant Training, Wed., July 14, Wed., Aug. 11 for times please call the center at 759-6428. Topics include keeping illegal activity out of property, screening applicants, the Federal Fair Housing Act, and more.

Join the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club

Head for Holiday Park for Duplicate Bridge Masterpoint games are held every day at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 761-1577.



Photo At Left:
From left, Fire Inspector Dallas Shumaker equips CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) volunteers Hattie Floyd, Eileen Pearce and Michael Reisert with a box of smoke detectors for installation day.

Photo Below: CERT team volunteer Charmaine Matthei (left) explains smoke detector maintenance and fire safety tips to Fort Lauderdale resident Katie Jackson.

Photos by Mary Donnellan

A group of 30 community volunteers and firefighters recently dedicated their Saturday morning to increase fire safety in the City.

Armed with ladders, tools and extra batteries, the volunteers installed over 100 smoke detectors in the Dorsey Riverbend neighborhood on Saturday, May 15th. The event marks the second phase of a program kicked-off with the installation of smoke detectors in Lauderdale Manors.

Through a grant from the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Fire-Rescue

Volunteers Promote Fire Safety At Home

Department received 1,500 smoke detectors to install in Fort Lauderdale homes. The smoke detectors and installations are provided at no charge as part of the Fire-Rescue Department's Smoke Detector Giveaway Program. Similar events at other neighborhoods will be scheduled in the future. Stay tuned for details.



Fire-Rescue Serves Up New Outreach Program

Attention schools, homeowners groups, civic associations, and other community organizations. The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department has launched a community outreach program intended to answer all of your fire-rescue and safety questions.

In an effort to continue providing quality service to city residents, representatives from the Fire-Rescue Department are now available to attend meetings and gatherings to provide valuable information regarding fire safety education, department operations, home and life safety tips, hurricane preparedness and much more.

Department representatives are available for special presentations or to simply answer questions. Please call **Jorge Mederos** at 627-6503 to schedule a presentation at your next association meeting.

Take A Bite Out Of Crime With A Night Out

The Citizen's Crime Alert (CCA) of Fort Lauderdale, City of Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Initiative and the National Association of Town Watch has scheduled the 16th Annual National Night Out crime prevention event for Tuesday, August 3, 1999.

"Give neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party" will be the theme for the 1999 event from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

National Night Out is the nation's official annual collective public demonstration designed to:

- * Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs,
- * Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and,
- * Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out with a variety of events and activities including block parties, cookouts, visits from local police, parades, flashlight walks, contests and youth programs.

An organizational meeting is set for July 6 at 7 p.m. on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave., to provide interested groups with activity ideas, posters, door hangers and banners. To order the appropriate amount of

promotional products, Citizen's Crime Alert requests that a representative from each group fill out a registration form. If you have not received a registration form in the mail, please contact Pat Mayers, CCA Chairperson at 768-0850.

"The benefits your community will derive from National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night," said Mayers.



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A Partnership With A Splash

Complete with aquatic demonstrations, the grand opening of the Sunrise Middle School community pool was celebrated in grand style.

The recreational pool, located at 1750 N.E. 14th Street, features a special ramp that allows a disabled individual to lower him or herself into the water with a special wheel chair. The pool will also be used by the Sunrise Middle School swim team for training.

"It's the only totally self accessible pool in the area. Seeing the grand opening was like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel," said **Angie Scarborough**, a 20-year resident of Poinsettia Heights who has been with the project for seven years. "There were times when we were told that the pool would not be possible, but we couldn't give up."

The project was made possible by the fundraising efforts of the Poinsettia Heights Civic Association, the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department, the Sunrise Middle School PTSA and the School Board of Broward County.



Photos courtesy of Parks & Recreation Dept.



Safety First When Celebrating

In observation of National Fireworks Safety Month in July the City of Fort Lauderdale asks that you celebrate safely.

Summertime means the 4th of July, picnics and fireworks. If you are planning on celebrating with fireworks, the Fire-Rescue Department recommends safety and common sense to prevent burns and other serious injuries.

Remember that you can purchase sparklers as fireworks; other items like firecrackers and roman candles are illegal. As the July 4th holiday approaches, roadside vendors will start selling products. City fire inspectors and the State Fire Marshal's office periodically inspect these vendors to ensure compliance with legal fireworks sales.

With any activity involving matches, fire or flames, always use common sense, and follow the safety tips below to avoid dangerous situations and injury.

NOTE ... Firecrackers and bottle rockets may be fun, but are also against the law. Illegal fireworks are defined by the State Fire Marshal as "any pyrotechnic device that explodes, or is propelled in the air." Products such as firecrackers, Blackcats, rockets, bottle rockets, M-60's, M-80's, M-180's, roman candles and mortar shells from 1/2" or more are examples of illegal fireworks in the state.

CONSUMER SPARKLER SAFETY TIPS

Assign a designated handler of firework/sparkler products. Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.

Firework/sparkler products should be placed on a hard surface. Please see instructions on the firework/sparkler product for safe placement.

Make sure ample fuse is showing from the sparkler product. If the fuse is not visible, do not light the product.

Always display firework/sparkler products in an open surrounding and away from trees, canopies, flammable/combustible liquids, and structures.

Always keep children at a safe distance.

Children should never be encouraged to ignite firework/sparkler products. More children are burned igniting fireworks than in bicycle accidents.

Have a bucket of water available for "duds". Make sure the unlit sparkler product is cooled prior to picking up and submerging in water.

Never attempt to re-ignite "duds", or firework products that failed to activate. Failure to adhere to this provision will cause severe burns to the face and hands.

If a firework/sparkler product burns you, immerse the burn in cool water and seek medical attention immediately. Never place butter, oils or greasy products on a burn. This promotes infection of the burned area.

For more information about fireworks or fire safety, call the Community Inspection Bureau at 761-5207, or the State Fire Marshal's Office at 467-4261.

Get In Gear For A Stormy Season

When disaster strikes, the best protection is being prepared. Hurricane season, which kicked-off June 1st, runs through November 30th. This year, experts are predicting one of the most tumultuous seasons. If you haven't prepared your family or your home in case of a hurricane, here are a few essentials.

STOCK UP:

Having the proper disaster supplies on hand makes a difference in how you will weather a storm before, during and after. Keep at least a two week supply of the following:

- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency food and water
- Nonelectric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash
- Sturdy shoes

BE PREPARED:

- When a hurricane watch is issued, the best response is to protect your property by boarding up windows, bringing in outside items, and being prepared to evacuate the area as soon as an evacuation order is issued.
- Plan an evacuation route. Contact the local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter, and ask for the community hurricane preparedness plan to learn about nearby shelters.
- Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane. Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
- Teach children how and when to call 911 for the police or fire department. Also teach them which radio station to tune in for emergency information.
- If you evacuate, do not leave your pets behind! Pets cannot survive on their own, and you may not be able to find them when you return to your home. For public health reasons, emergency shelters will not accept pets. Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters. Another option is to call your veterinarian for boarding. If you plan to leave the area, work with hotels to temporary lift "no pets" policies or call the Broward Humane Society or automotive club for a listing of pet friendly hotels and motels.
- **Special Needs Registry 357-6402**
(Elderly, disabled register early)
- **Florida Power & Light 797-5000**
- **BellSouth 611**
- **Citizen's Information Hotline 831-4000**
- **American Red Cross (Broward) 763-9900**
- **Broward Humane Society 463-4870**

Dial 911 for fires, medical emergencies, and to report gas leaks.

Check out Fort Lauderdale Online for a comprehensive view of hurricane preparations and links at www.ci.ftlaud.fl.us/hurricane

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NationsBank Starlight Musicals

Free Summer Entertainment Under The Stars

The legendary summertime concert series is back by popular demand.

The NationsBank Starlight Musical Series is in full swing for more than decades with a line-up that's sure to satisfy the musical tastes of the entire family.

Enjoy a variety of music from latin jazz to pop, big band to rhythm and blues as Florida's most popular local artists take the stage every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



Ample parking makes Holiday Park, at U.S.1 and Sunrise Boulevard, an ideal site for the concert. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets to the multipurpose ballfield complex located east of the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center. For best access to the park, please enter through the Parker Playhouse entrance on Nininger Drive off U.S-1. For additional information or for a complete concert schedule, call the NationsBank Starlight Musicals Hotline at 627-6500.

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- June 25 - Latin/Jazz**
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